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SUBJECT: FIRST DANISH REACTION TO DEFENSE MINISTERS VISIT TO US
(F-104 REPLACEMENT)

1. DANISH PRESS HAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE FOUR DEFENSE
MINISTERS WERE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY US PRESENTATION.
BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) REPORTED
SEPT 15 THAT ALL FOUR DEFENSE MINISTERS WERE "MOST
IMPRESSED OVER THE DEMONSTRATION IN THE US." EDITORIALY
THE SAME PAPER NOTED THAT THE FINAL OUTCOME WOULD PROBABLY
BE THAT THE FOUR COUNTRIES WOULD CHOOSE AT LEAST TWO
DIFFERENT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT, "WHICH IS, OF COURSE, BETTER
THAN FOUR TYPES." IN A BYLINE STORY IN POLITIKEN
(INDEPENDENT RADICAL) DATED WASHINGTON SEPT 15,
BORGE VISBY REPORTED: "THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS THAT
IT WILL BE THE US WHO WINS THE VERY SHARP COMPETITION
ON THE 'AIRPLANE ORDER OF THE CENTURY....' THIS
WAS THE GENERAL OPINION AT THE END OF DEFENSE MINISTER
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ERLING BRONDUM'S THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE US TOGETHER

WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.... THERE IS HARDLY ANY DOUBT
THAT ONE OF THE TWO PLANES THE US OFFERS WILL BE CHOSEN
IN PLACE OF THE FRENCH MIRAGE AND THE SWEDISH VIGGEN."
HE CONCLUDED THAT THE US DEFENSE DEPT SUGGESTED THAT
"PRESSURE IN CONGRESS" FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS
IN EUROPE WILL BE REDUCED IF THE FOUR NATO COUNTRIES
BUY AMERICAN PLANES.

2. AMBASSADOR IS PLANING TO MEET WITH DANISH DEFMIN
BRONDUM THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIS PERSONAL
IMPRESSION.
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